



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of Proposed Action

January 03, 2006

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The Administrator has received a complete renewal application for a water pollution control discharge permit (Permit # NEV50052) from the following applicant:

Pioche Public Utilities (PPU)
P.O. Box 35
Pioche, NV 89043

PPU services a customer base of approximately 670 residents and several commercial businesses, e.g., restaurants and retail stores, in Pioche, the county seat of Lincoln County. The PPU wastewater treatment facility is located in Pioche at Eagle Valley Road and U.S. Hwy. 93. An aerated primary pond and two secondary facultative ponds in series are used to treat wastewater to meet secondary-treatment standards for pond systems. Polished effluent from the final secondary pond is discharged to the groundwater via an infiltration basin. The PPU treatment facility will be limited to an influent flow of 0.06 million gallons per day. The permit conditions require periodic monitoring and reporting of effluent quality parameters to ensure proper pond performance and operation.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the NRS as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue (renew) the permit for a five (5) year period, subject to certain limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. on **February 12, 2007**, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Comment and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. on February 12, 2007** will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or

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objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling James T. Hogan, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434, or at jhogan@ndep.nv.gov. The facsimile number is 775.687.4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm. .

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.